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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN MALIAN ADMINISTRATION

1. FOLLOWING THE PRE-EMPTIVE ARREST OF COUP PLOTTERS IN LATE FEBRUARY AND MARCH, PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE PROMISED TO PURGE THE MALIAN ADMINISTRATION OF ALL CORRUPT AND INEFFECTUAL ELEMENTS. TOP PERSONNEL ARE BEING CHANGED THROUGHOUT THE MALIAN CIVIL SERVICE. CHANGES IN SOME CASES RESULT FROM TOO-CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH FORMER MINISTER OF DEFENSE DOUKARA OR FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SECURITY SERVICES BAGAYOKO. IN OTHER CASES, YOUNGER TECHNOCRATS ARE REPLACING OLDER CIVIL SERVANTS. NEW MINISTERS ARE CHANGING THEIR ENTIRE CABINETS. THE RESULT IS THE MOST WHOLESAL REWORKING OF THE MALIAN CIVIL SERVICE IN RECENT YEARS.

2. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
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AND THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL ARE AMONG THOSE AFFECTED. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION SECRETARY GENERAL SEYDOU TRAORE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN OFFICE, BUT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION MUSTAPHA DEMA HAS BEEN REPLACED BY OUSMANE DIALLO. IT IS RUMORED THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HALIDOU TOURE WILL MOVE ON BUT HE IS STILL AT THE MINISTRY. IN THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DIVISION, CHIEF FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS

HAWA WANE HAS MOVED TO THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS, TECHNICAL COUNSELOURS ADAMA SISSOKO AND SARIBOU KONE HAVE LEFT FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERIOR, AND OTHER DIVISION CHIEFS ARE LIKE-
LY TO BE REPLACED SOON. VETERAN AMBASSADOR AND LONG-TIME CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL MOUSSA LEO KEITA HAS BEEN REPLACED BY LIEUTENANT MANADOU
MACALOU.

3. THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE AND THE MINISTRY OF TRANS-
PORT AND PUBLIC WORKS HAVE ALSO CHANGED CABINETS. IN THE MINISTRY
OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, DIRECTOR OF CABINET MORIBA SISSOKO
HAS MOVED ON TO BECOME DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MALIAN TEXTILE
COMPANY (CMDT), TAKING THE SLOT VACATED BY THE NEW MINISTER OF
RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FAGNANAMA KONE. DR BOUBACAR SY LEAVES AS
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MALIAN LIVESTOCK EXTENSION AGENCY (OMBEVI)
TO TAKE OVER AS DIRECTOR OF CABINET FOR THE MINISTRY. ONE MINISTRY
WHICH REMAINS INTACT IS THAT OF YOUTH, SPORTS, ARTS, AND CULTURE.
MINISTER ALPHA KONARE HAS TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT, BEING FACED WITH
A YOUTH CONGRESS AND BIENNAL CULTURE SHOW, HE COULD NOT AFFORD TO
CHANGE PERSONNEL AT THIS TIME. BY MID-JULY, WHEN THESE EVENTS ARE
OVER, HE WILL BEGIN TO FOCUS ON PERSONNEL QUESTIONS.

4. COMMENT: MANY OF THOSE REMOVED FROM OFFICE ARE NOT REALLY
PURGED BUT MOVED TO DIFFERENT AND SOMETIMES BETTER POSITIONS. EVEN
THOSE CURRENTLY WITHOUT JOBS MAY BE AWAITING AN OVERSEAS ASSIGN-
MENT OR A POSITION WITH SOME INTERNATIONAL AGENCY. NEW APPOINTEES
ARE OFTEN JUNIOR BUREAUCRATS WHOSE ABILITIES HAVE YET TO BE TESTED.
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THE MALIAN ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE HAD A MAJOR FACE-LIFT AS IT
MOVES TOWARD A NEW POLITICAL ORDER IN 1979.
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